

Capacity Work At Steel Plant Sure All Year

Columbia Has Orders Guaranteeing Production Until Next January

Indicating that the California "business slump" is almost as imaginary as real, it became known today from an authoritative source that orders now standing on the books of the Torrance plant of the Columbia Steel Corporation are sufficient to guarantee capacity production at the mills until the first of next year.

U. S. Royalties Co. Takes Over Lease

The U. S. Royalties Company has taken over the Sidebotham lease on North Narbonne avenue, formerly held by Vurpillat, and a new derrick has been erected on the site of the one destroyed by fire several months ago. The well will be cleaned out and put on production again.

South of Elgin on Narbonne avenue the Universal Company is tearing down the derricks on the Jones lease.

Bread with a hermetically sealed crust has been developed in Czechoslovakia to serve as an emergency army ration.

BACK EAST

By W. Harold Kingsley

A friend on the train remarked to me, "Why is it that so many Americans, as soon as they get on a train or a steamship, pretend to be something that they aren't?" "I don't know," I replied, "unless they believe it themselves. Among strangers humans—at least many humans—seem to think that they are on parade. They often pretend to be what they would like to be. And they do it so amateurishly that they hurt rather than help themselves in the eyes of their fellows."

On the observation platform one night the porter came out to tell the passengers that it was contrary to the road's rules for them to turn off the lights on the platform.

An obese individual said, "At home I don't allow servants to talk to me like that and I won't do it here." So he launched forth in a bitter tirade against the poor porter. And everyone else present immediately set the obese individual down as either a braggart or a fake, and certainly a boor. He was trying to show off and succeeded only in being shown up. Good advice to anyone is this: Be your best self, but don't try to be something that you aren't.

Here is a formula guaranteed to make you acquainted with the most interesting people on a transcontinental train: Carry with you at all times the current issue of The American Mercury.

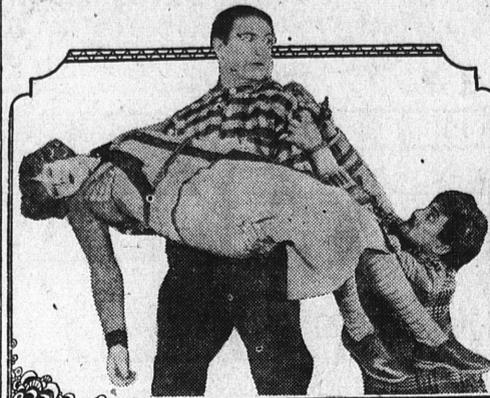
By virtue of my possession of a copy of that magazine, which I read from cover to cover, I became acquainted with the city editor of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, and an extremely interesting woman who has been around the world three times, runs a large plantation in Kentucky, owning a string of racehorses, and hates to talk to people on trains because most of them show you a picture of the wife and kiddies.

A peculiar and interesting division of labor existed on that train coming home. The baggage man was also the barber. I was consumed with curiosity to know whether he was a baggage man serving as a barber or a barber serving as a baggage man. So I ordered a shave and a haircut. My curiosity was appeased. He was a superb baggage man.

When I was a reporter on the Akron Beacon Journal in 1913 the city boasted 70,000 inhabitants. It now is inhabited by almost a quarter of a million persons. I went down there from Cleveland. My old buddy reporter, whom I had not seen in 12 years, is now managing editor of the sheet. I envied him the never interesting rush of a city news room. He envied me the general calm of a smaller paper and the imagined independence of working as one's own boss. Yet I doubt if either of us would trade jobs. Aren't we mortals fools?

I quote almost verbatim from the conversation of an Englishman who spoke as we paced the platform at Albuquerque. "This is my initial journey to your country. And I must say that while it is stupendously large, much of it seems, well a bit disconsolate and unsettled, don't you think? It appears that in order to be in touch with civilization in this land of yours, one must live either along the Atlantic seaboard or near the Pacific. These vast stretches of plain, prairie and desert are positively melancholy, though I do suppose they are essential from the standpoint of food and cattle supply. But tell me what on earth do these persons do, whose small homes I note in the very center of this arid desert?" Now what American can answer that question? Dick Wick Hall says they operate frog farms, and I offered that suggestion, which seemed to satisfy the British tourist perfectly.

Curwood Picture and 'Zander The Great' at Torrance Theatre



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And the woman—glorious, vibrant, magnetic—a woman for whom any red-blooded man would gladly fight. Add to this combination the lure of gold and you have a screen drama worth going miles to see.

A comedy of great open spaces, where Mexican desperados and American bootleggers give Mamie and her little orphan charge one of the most exciting times they have ever experienced, and where moonshine melts into romance. All in "Zander the Great," at the Torrance Theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

OBSERVATIONS

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weak couple that found themselves somehow, mysteriously animated in the Garden of Eden. And so are you.

THE French have quit the Ruhr. The people of the heart of Germany's industrial district rejoice. Bells ring. Fires blaze. The populace sings.

Then German factions start fighting. But don't blame the people. Governed for several years by the stern military hand of France, the people of the Ruhr release pent-up emotions as soon as that hand is removed. There will be trouble for a time, but law and order eventually will prevail.

As long as the Ruhr was under military rule, all negotiations for the rehabilitation of Europe were hampered. Demands of France were like those made by a man who had his victim on his back and exacts promises by threats. The Germans are an industrious people. Given back control of their Ruhr industries they will pay their reparations.

The troubles in the Ruhr now are casual. The country will soon calm down and the people go to work. The evacuation is the first great step toward rehabilitation taken since adoption of the Dawes plan.

COURT NEWS

C. L. Sweeten pleaded guilty to the charge of battery, preferred by Alva W. Davis, and paid a fine of \$25, when given a hearing Wednesday by Judge Hunter of the justice court.

J. L. Goins of Keystone, who pleaded not guilty to a statutory charge, is at liberty under \$500 bond. His hearing will be held next Wednesday, July 29.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Tener pleaded guilty Monday, when charged with a violation of a county ordinance, and was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail. Judge Hunter suspended the sentence for as long a time as she observes certain requirements named by the court.

Charged by Chief Arson Inspector Horace Kennedy with a violation of section 1, Ordinance 1315, new series, Luis Fernandez and Carlos Plerros pleaded guilty Monday, July 20, and were each sentenced to 30 days in jail. The sentence was suspended, provided they light no more fires without

permits. The charge against the men was brought when they allowed a trash fire in the dumping grounds on the outskirts of San Pedro to get beyond control.

Mrs. W. B. Bruere of Oakland was a guest Sunday of Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Leake of Marcellina avenue.

CARD OF THANKS

We are deeply appreciative of the many expressions of loving sympathy received during the illness and since the death of our dear father, J. H. Pickering. MRS. C. R. TABER. MRS. REX WRENN. MRS. C. W. PERKINS. MRS. PEARL JEWETT. OSCAR PICKERING. JOSEPH PICKERING.

CAPITAL STOCK LEVY

All returns must be filed by 31st July. All Corporations doing business between July 21st, 1924, and July 1st, 1925, must file returns. J. W. Cuffey, F.C.R.A., A.C.I.S. Tax Consultant. Notary Oil Field Accountant 2264 Redondo Blvd., Torrance Phone 165-J-1

Lon Chaney In 'The Monster' At the Lomita

Famous Character Star's Film Will Show Two Days

On Friday and Saturday at the Lomita Theatre Lon Chaney will appear in his masterpiece, "The Monster." Critics have said that Lon Chaney is the best make-up and character man on the screen today.

Sunday, for one day only, Florence Vidor, Adolphe Menjou and Betty Bronson (who appeared in

the great success, "Peter Pan") will be shown in the screen success, "Are Parents People?"

Monday the usual Country Store will be staged. It will mark the farewell appearance of Harry Shuttan. Mr. Shuttan has just signed a contract to play the lead in one of Wilkes' productions at the Orange Grove Theatre in Los Angeles. Mr. Shuttan promises an evening entertainment absolutely incomparable. On the screen will be shown "Private Affairs," the novelty sensation.

Tuesday and Wednesday Edward Everett Horton and Esther Ralston, in the James Cruze production, "Beggars on Horseback," will be screened. "Charlie's Aunt" made you laugh, but "Beggars on Horseback" will make you howl with joy.

Thursday is inaugural day for

"Preview" Vaudeville at the Lomita. From five to seven well known acts, together with amateurs, will be shown. Edna Scofield, Davis & Rogers, and Larry and Dolly LaMont will be included in the bill on this night, together with two to four more acts, and on the screen the sensational love novel, "Proud Flesh," with Eleanor Boardman, Harrison Ford and Pat O'Malley.

Ed Kelly is recovering from the operation performed recently at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital. The removal of a section of the femur was made necessary by the recurrence of an old ailment.

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